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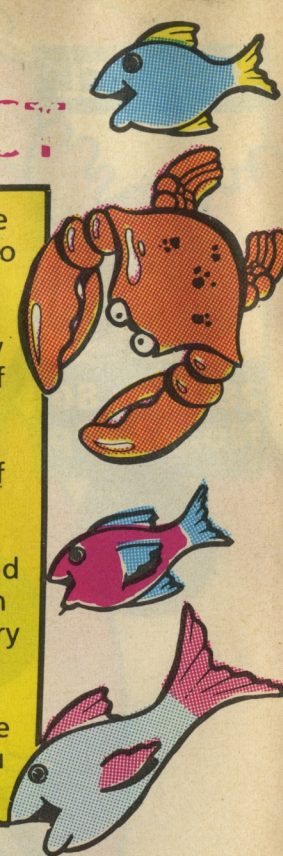
He's cool... he's
hip... he's no sap
... he's doin' the
BRAKER RAP!





GANG PROJECT

Are you planning a trip to the seaside this summer? If you do go to the beach, don't bury your head in the sand, keep your eyes open to all the new things around you. Instead of spending all your time snoozing in the sun, get out and about. There's all sorts of interesting and beautiful creatures and plants to be found in rock pools. You could start a shell collection or even a crab collection (if you're very brave!), or you could catch small fish. Seaweed is interesting stuff! Why not see how many different sorts you can find!



HI GANG!

At last! The last part of our free frieze! And it's featuring your favourite moose! I hope you'll stick your frieze up on the wall where you can read it clearly.

We're all off to the seaside this week. It's great fun to have a trip to the beach isn't it? But I bet you can't guess what happens to poor old Bingo!

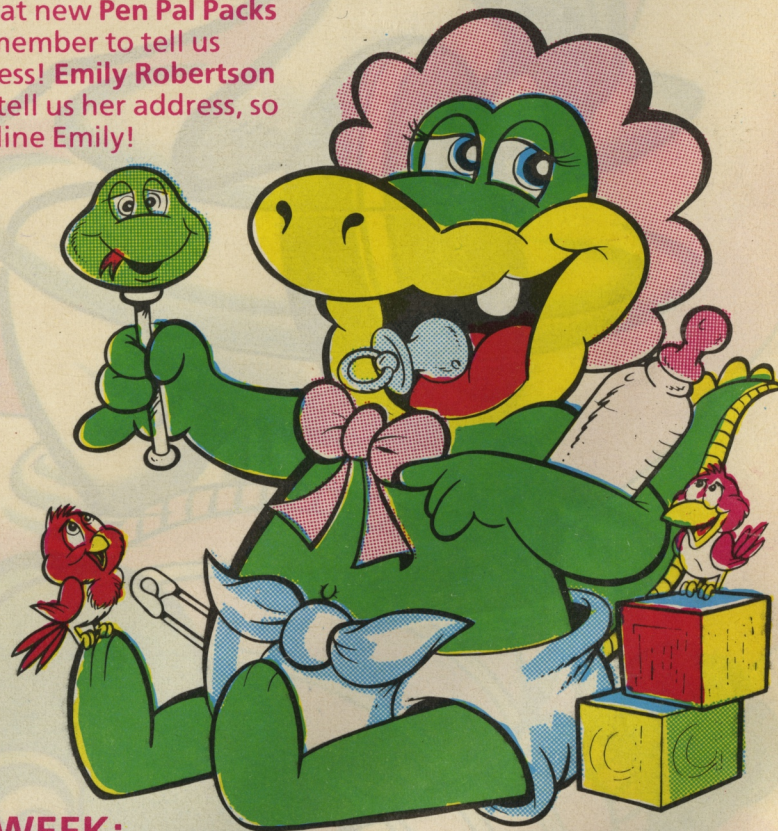
The Blunders are off to the sea too this week, but they certainly don't have time for sun bathing! They've got a boat to catch! Braker's breakdancing in an action packed story this week – so boogie along to page 14 and get groovy!

I shall have to dash now as I haven't packed my striped swimming trunks yet!

Montgomery

A QUICK REMINDER...

When you write to us for one of our great new Pen Pal Packs please remember to tell us your address! Emily Robertson forgot to tell us her address, so drop us a line Emily!



NEXT WEEK:

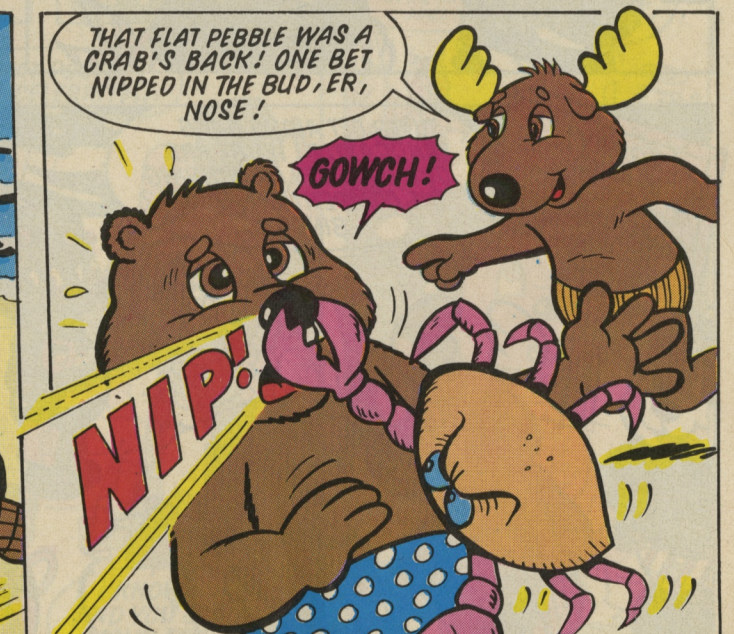
Was Catchum a beautiful baby? Find out in next week's fun-packed issue!

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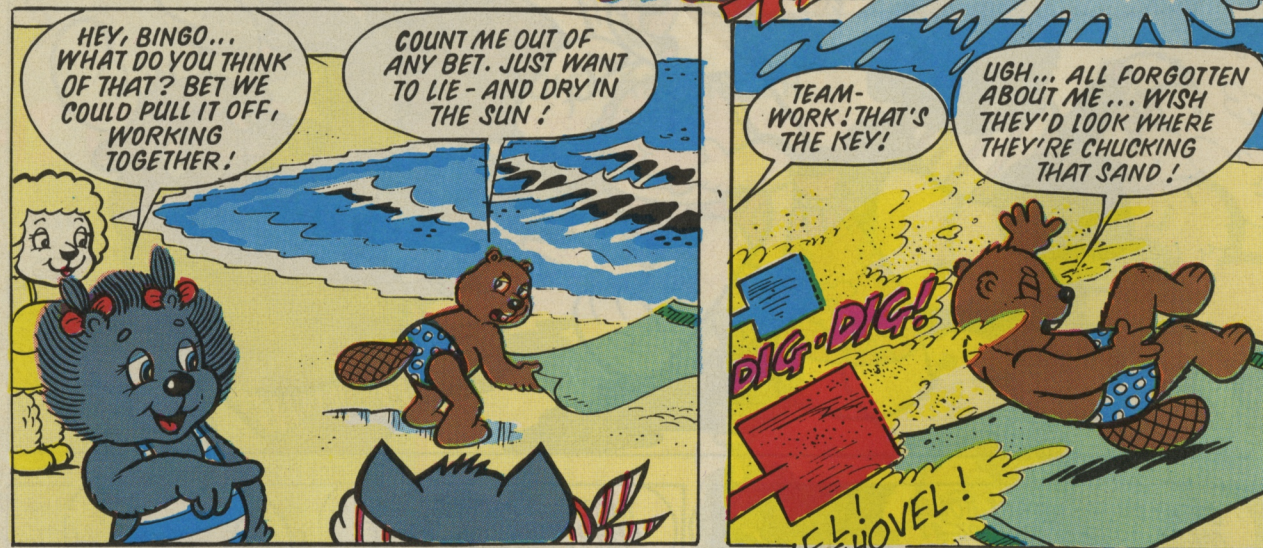
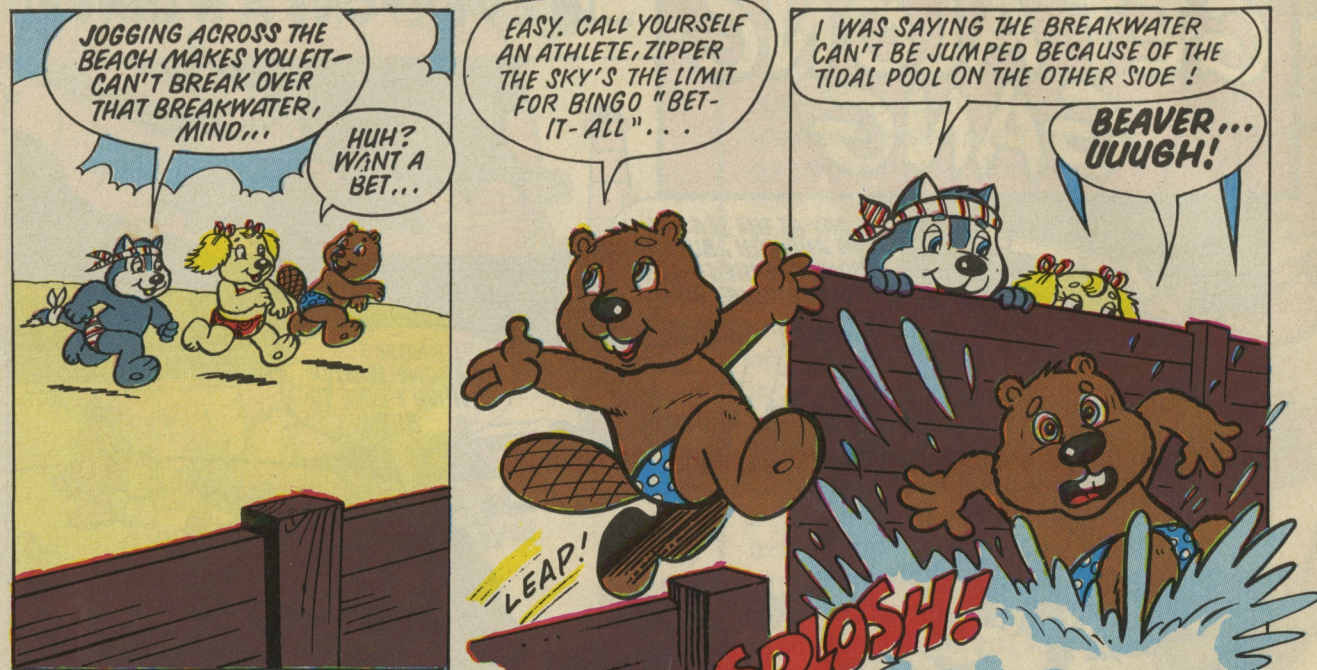


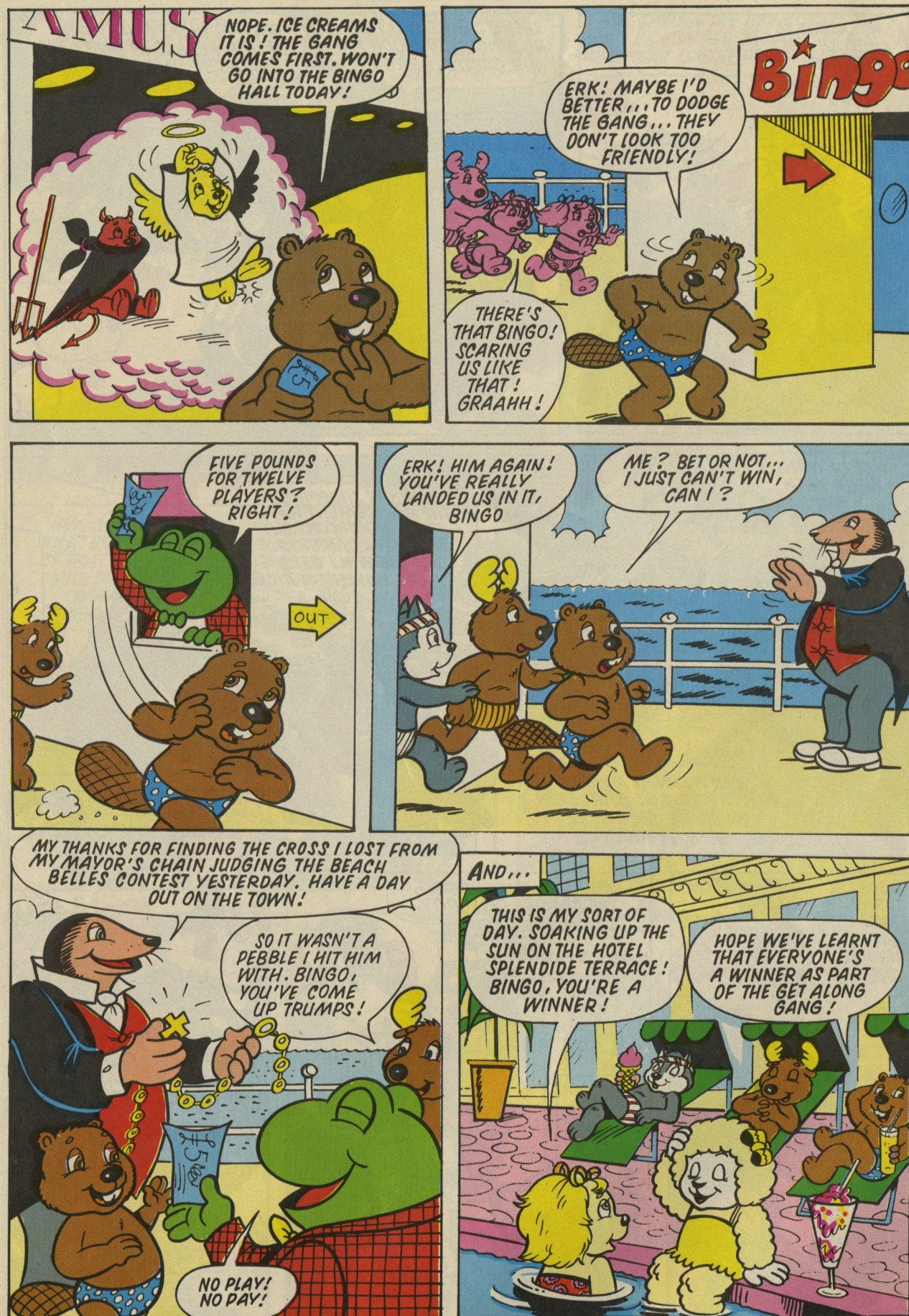
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...IN EVERYONE A WINNER!



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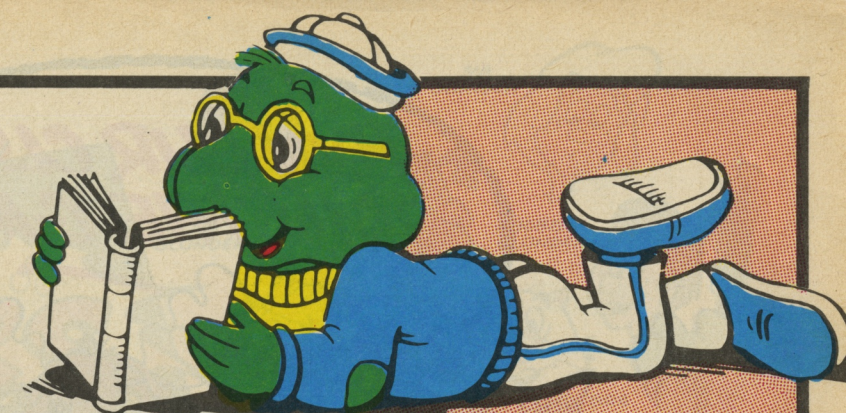




Next Week: Homer and Gomer are back!

The meaning of names!

AS EASY AS ABC



Wallis. This name has several meanings! It could mean choice or to gush forth or even defender! So take your pick! King Edward VIII (he was Queen Elizabeth's Uncle) gave up his throne so that he could marry an American lady called **Wallis Simpson**. She died just a few weeks ago.

Walter. An old German name meaning ruler.

Wayne. From the old English word meaning meadow. Also Duane.

Wenda. This is another name with more than one meaning. It can mean fair or traveller. Also Gwendolen, Wanda.

Wendy. This name was invented by James Barrie, a famous author, when he wrote *Peter Pan* in 1904.

Wilfred. Peaceful.

William. Protector, guardian. There have been several English kings called **William**, and now we have a Prince **William**! Also Bill, Liam, Willy, Wilmot.

Winifred. An old name meaning gentle friend. **St Winifred** had her head cut off, but her Uncle put it back on and she lived for many more years as a nun! She wasn't one to lose her head easily! Also **Freda**, **Gwenevere**, **Oona**, **Winnie**, **Wynette**.

Winston. Conqueror. **Sir Winston Churchill** was famous Prime Minister who was in power during the Second World War.

Woolma. A very pretty name meaning beautiful!



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book choice

MARK THE DRUMMER-BOY
Stories by
DOROTHY EDWARDS

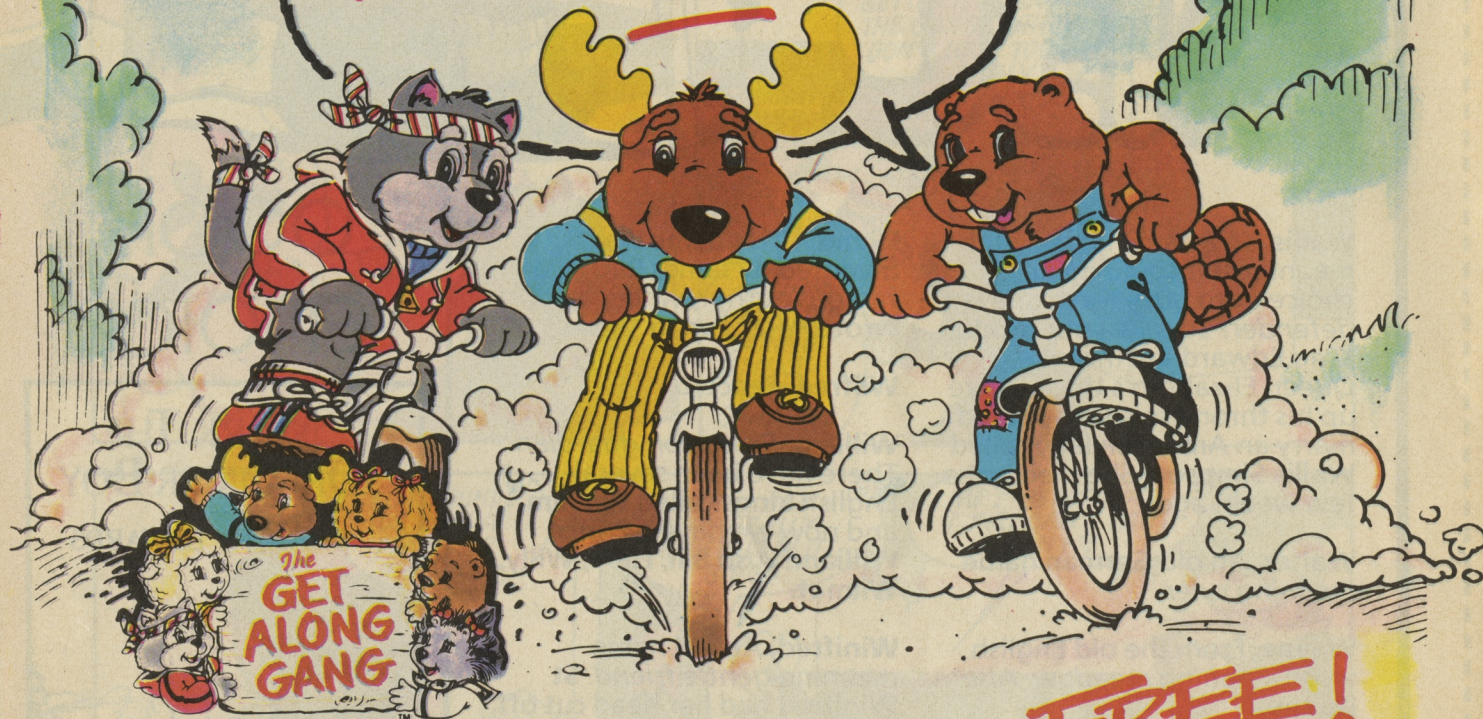


Mark the Drummer-Boy, a collection of stories by Dorothy Edwards. Edwards Illustrated by Thelma Lambert. Published by Methuen Children's Books. Price: £1.50.

This is a super collection of Dorothy Edwards' most popular stories. It includes old favourites such as *Mark the Drummer-Boy*, *Roger's Trains*, *The Secret Teddy Bear*, and *Seaside Ice-Cream* as well as eight other stories, all with this much-loved author's special flavour. Also in this series: *The Old Man who Sneezed*.

Cut out and collect!

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TOY
ASSORTED
CHARACTERS



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CLUB



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Miss/Master:

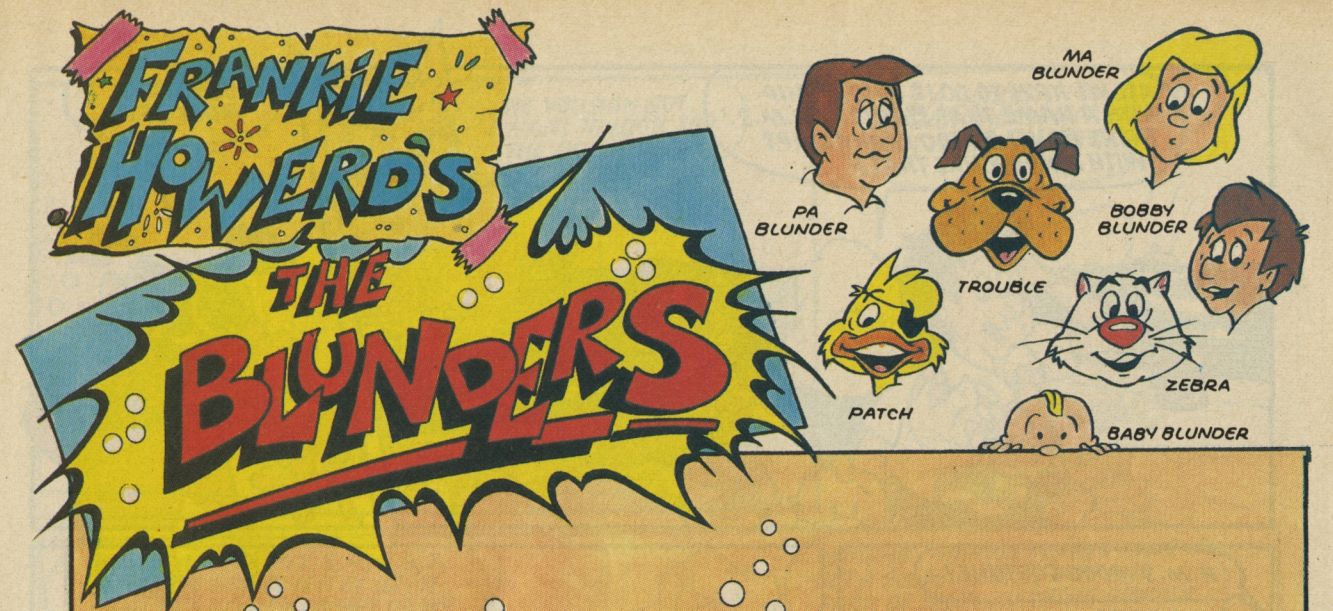
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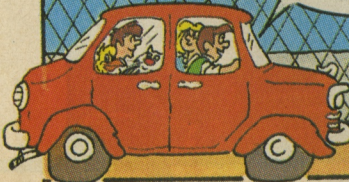
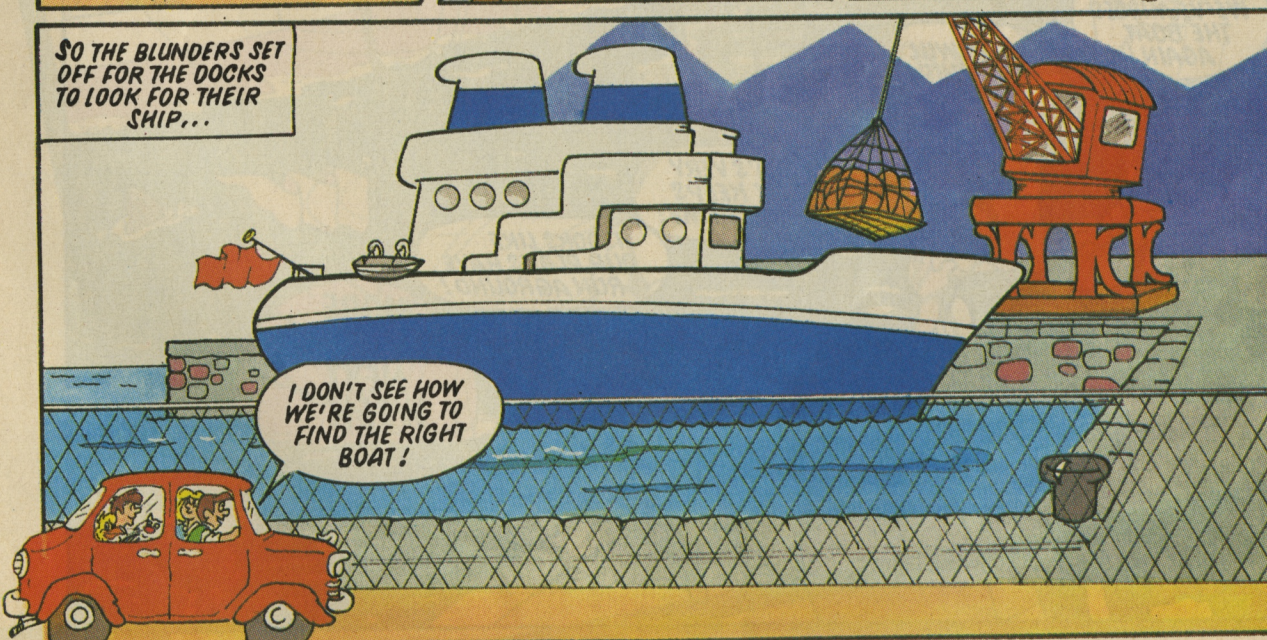
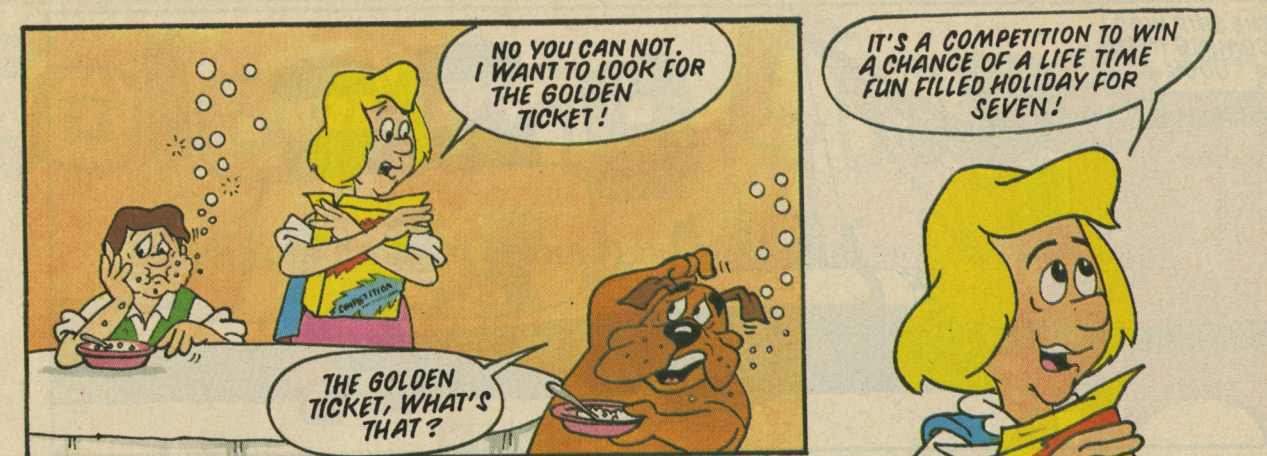
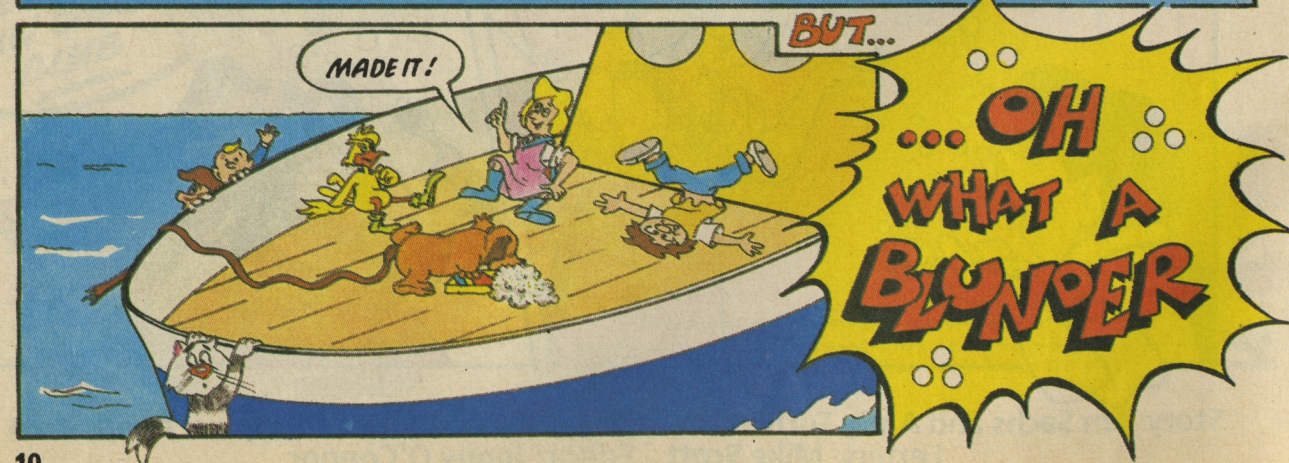
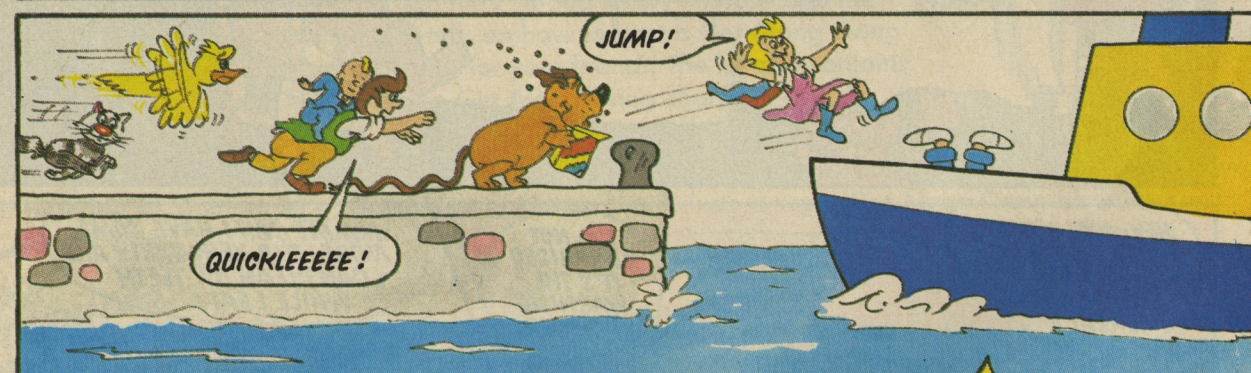
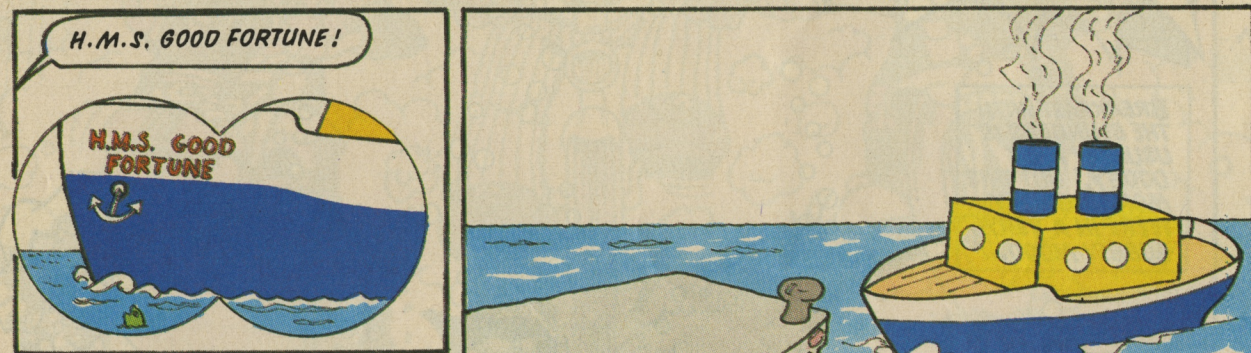
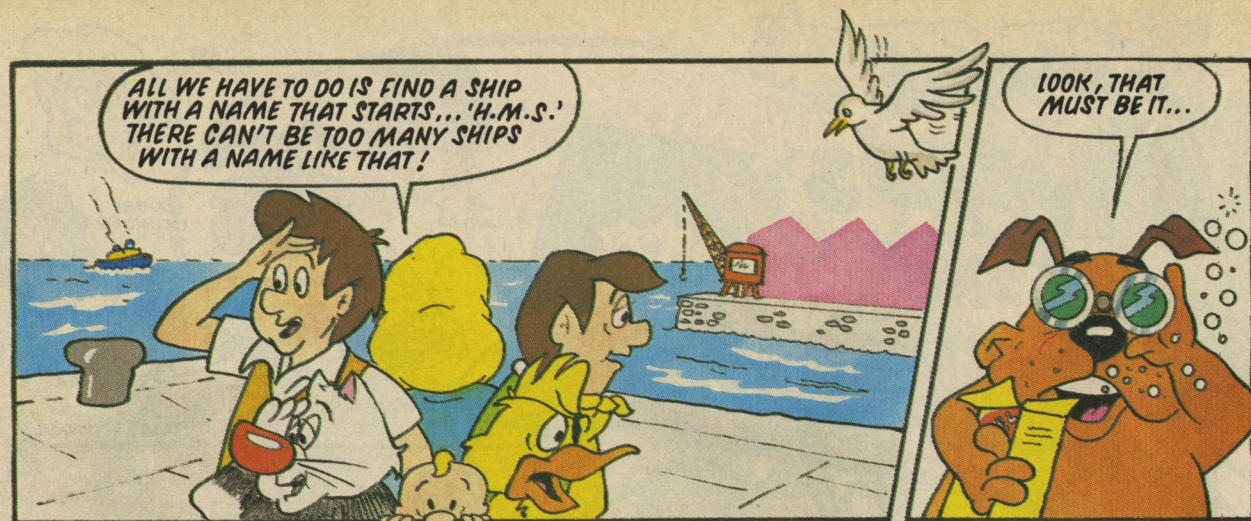
If more than one of you wishes to enrol please print details on a separate sheet of paper enclosing £2.50 cheque or PO for each new member



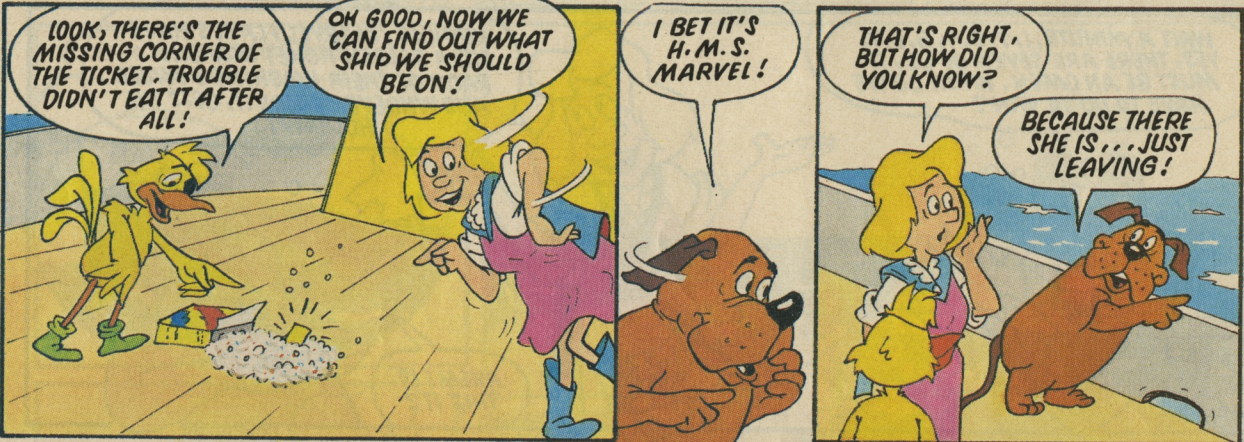
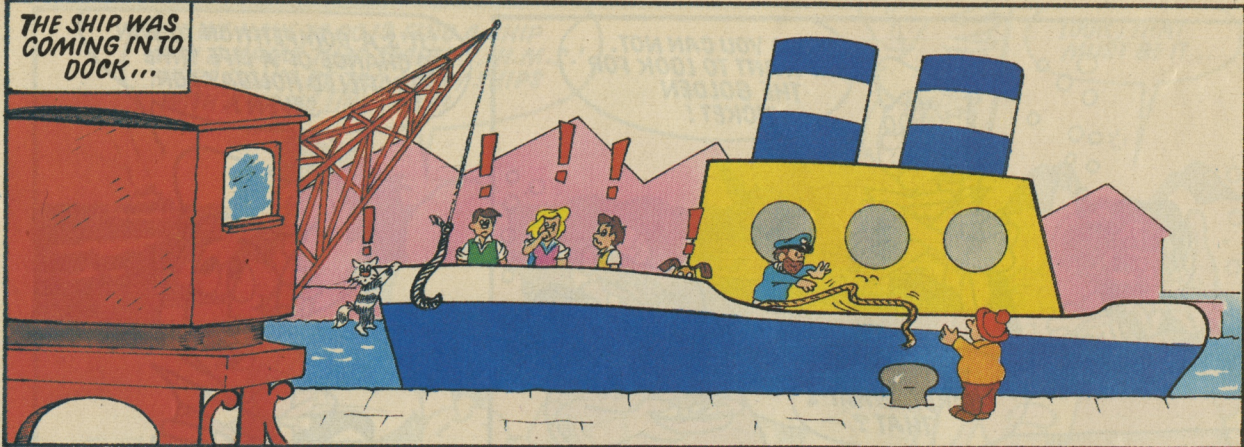
BREAKFAST WITH
THE BLUNDERS IS
USUALLY A BIT
DODGY, BUT THIS
MORNING THEY
WERE IN A VERY
BUBBLY MOOD...



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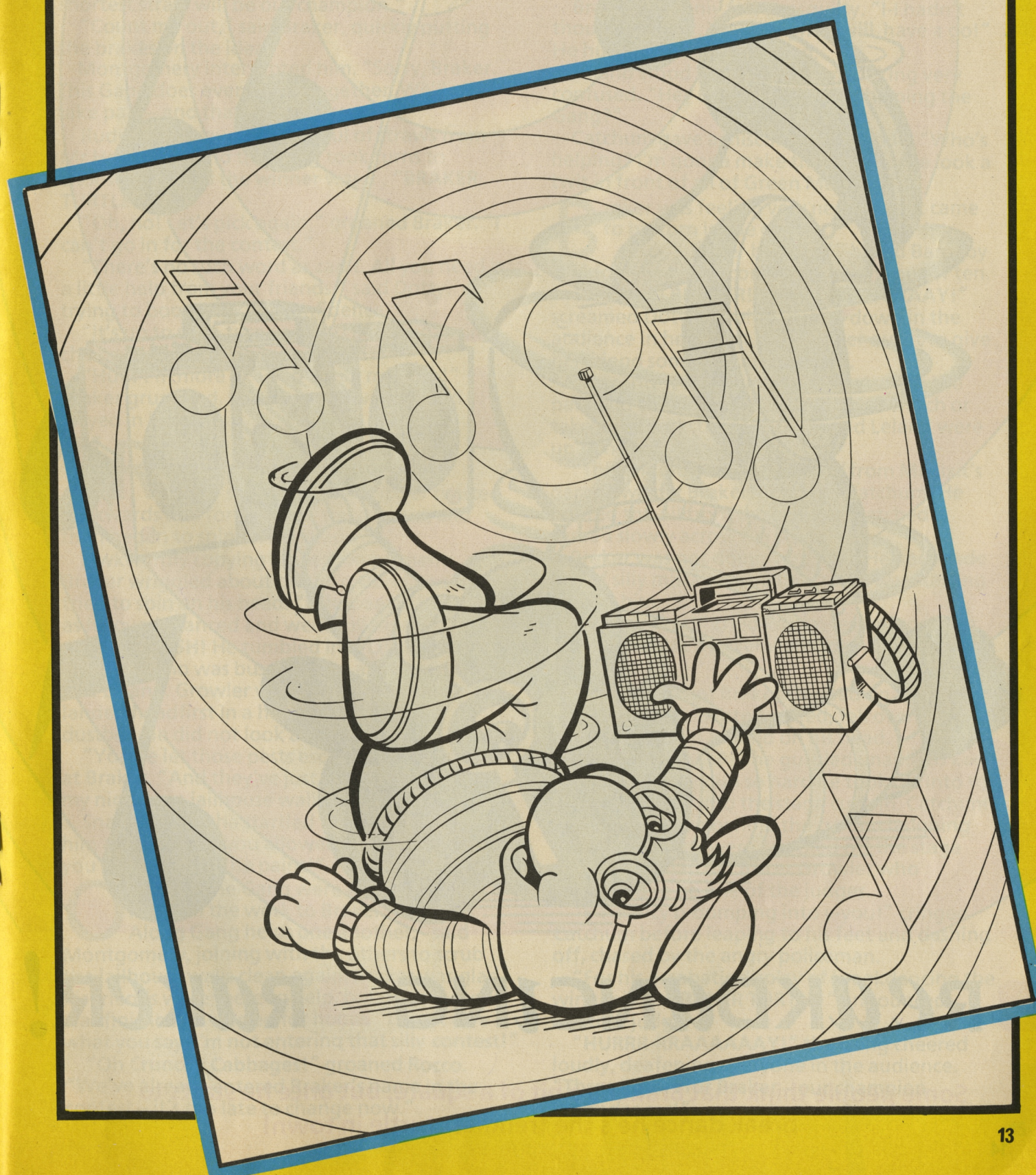


THE SHIP WAS
COMING IN TO
DOCK...



Colouring Chaos!

Grab your funkiest colours and make Braker look really hip!





BReaKDaNCING BRaKeR!

Some people think that Braker's a bit of a square, but once he starts to break dance he's the trendiest turtle in town!

Portia read the notice on the wall of Mr Hoofnagel's shop. "Wow! A breakdancing contest in Green Meadow. That's a new trend I'd be good at."

Zipper grinned. "You need to be fit to breakdance. And I'm the fittest one in the Gang."

"Only one of us should enter or we'll end up competing against each other," Dotty said sensibly. "Let's draw straws. The one with the shortest straw will be our champion."

"Count me out," said Braker, quickly putting the brakes on the idea.

Montgomery interrupted him. "Sorry, Braker. This Gang does **everything** together. We'll all take part – and that includes you."

Rudyard borrowed a handful of straws from Mr Hoofnagel and the Gang took turns to choose one. And the winner was. . . **"BRAKER TURTLE!?!!"**

"Oh, no! Let's pick again," groaned Braker. "I can't go in for the contest."

"There's no such word as *can't*. All you need is a little help from your friends," said Dotty, trying to boost Braker's confidence.

"It's up to us to turn you into a breakdancing champion," Montgomery agreed.

"Huh! I'm more likely to break my neck!" Braker grumbled, beginning to wish he had stayed in bed.

"Roll yourself into a ball and spin," Zipper instructed his friend. To Braker's astonishment Zipper twisted backwards and forwards on the ground, and then began to spin on his head.

Awkwardly copying Zipper's movements Braker wriggled about on the ground and then tried to spin on his head. "Whooooah!" he cried as he overbalanced and went rolling away.

CRRAAASSH! He tumbled into Officer Growler, who was busy chasing after Catchum and Leland. Growler went flying into the air and landed headfirst in a half full, very smelly dustbin. He did not look at all pleased.

"You've let those pests escape!" he bellowed at Braker. "And they've just sprayed graffiti on my nice clean jailhouse walls!"

Snatching up the startled turtle he dragged him away. "Since you allowed them to escape you can wash off the paint!"

Of course the Gang were not about to leave all the work to Braker. "The Get Along Gang helps one another," said Montgomery, joining with the others to scrub the jailhouse walls clean again. Braker was glad his friends were there to help, but once the job was finished he started for home. "I don't care what you say, I'm not entering that silly contest!"

"Oh **Crunchy Cabbages!**" groaned Rocco. "We've already entered Braker's name in the contest – it's too late to change now."

Catchum and Leland had been watching Braker fall out with his friends. Catchum chased after him. "Braker, old chum. You've just gotta enter the dance contest."

Braker glared at Catchum, remembering the walls he had just cleaned. "What do you care?" he snapped.

Catchum gave an innocent smile. "Oh, no reason. But if you don't enter you'll be letting all your friends down!"

Braker suddenly felt very guilty. "I-I hadn't thought of that. You're right. I **will** have a go!" He hurried back to the Gang.

Leland stood beside Catchum looking very confused. "Hey Boss, why are you helping the Gang?"

Catchum gave a mischievous chuckle. "Who's helping? I'm gonna make that daft turtle look a twit in front of all of Green Meadow!"

Braker was feeling very nervous as it came to his turn in the contest.

"You'll never beat me!" hissed Barnaby Bulldog, who had scored nine points out of ten.

"BRAKER! BRAKER! YAY! YAAY! YAAAY!" screamed Dotty, leaping up and down in the audience in her smart cheerleader outfit to give her friend some encouragement.

The contest was being held on stage in the park and everyone had turned up to watch or take part. Backstage Catchum and Leland were up to no good – as usual!

"This engine oil we *borrowed* from Mr Fixit's garage will fix Braker!" cackled Catchum. He poured the oil from the can and watched it spread slowly across the stage.

Braker was not doing very well. He had made lots of silly mistakes and the crowd was starting to boo him.

"Poor Braker!" cried Portia, feeling sorry for her friend. "He'll never want to enter anything ever again!"

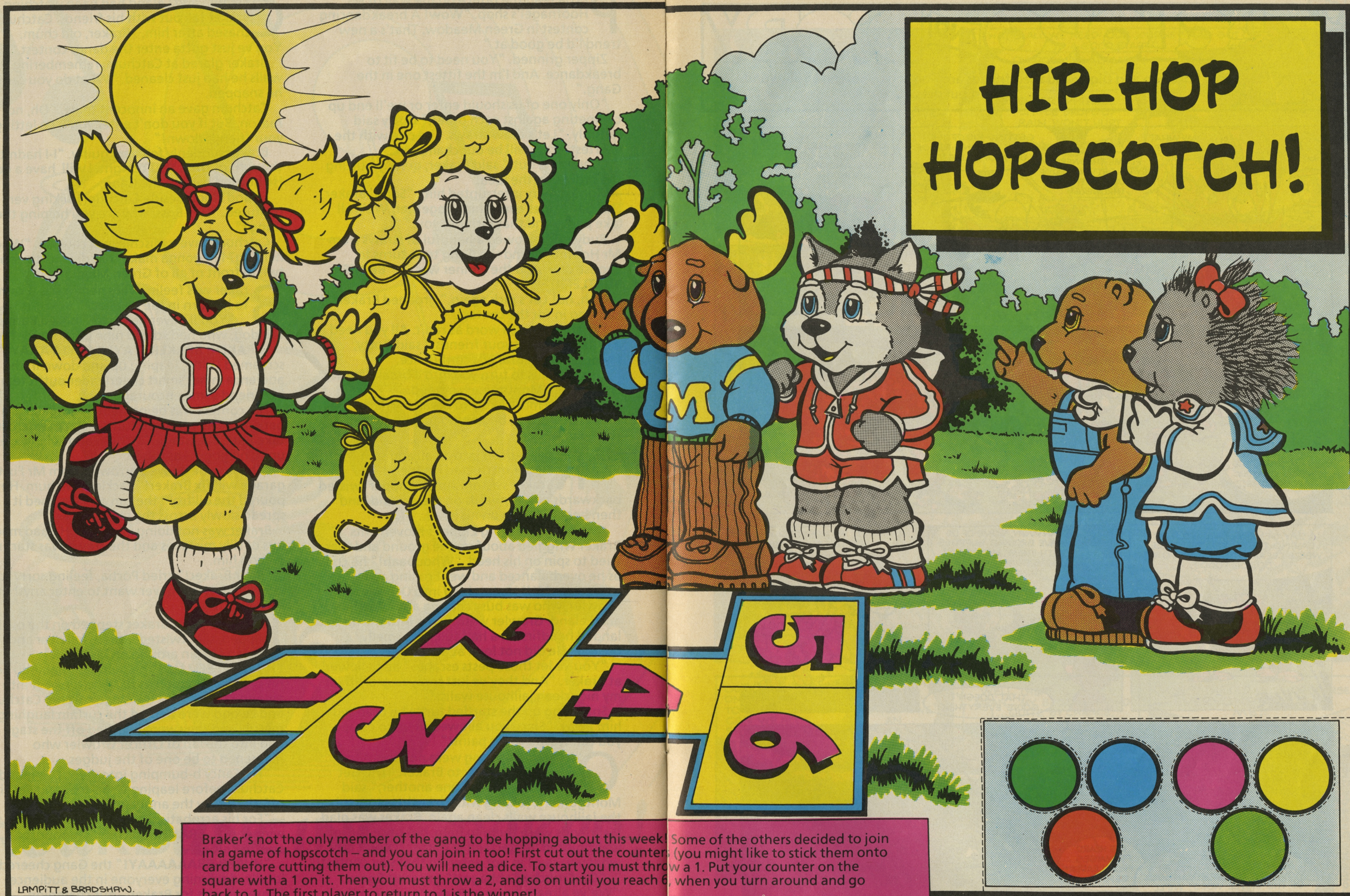
It was then that Braker stepped on the oil. He slipped, slid, twisted, rolled, fell over and began to spin around on his head.

"H-H-HEEEEELLLLP!" he gurgled unable to keep his balance. He spun so hard he took off into the air and crashed into the stage curtain. Catchum and Leland were behind the curtain laughing merrily and they were knocked off the stage and into the lap of Officer Growler who happened to be one of the judges.

"F-F-Fancy b-bumping into y-you!" cringed Catchum before leaping to his feet and dashing off, chased by the angry policeman.

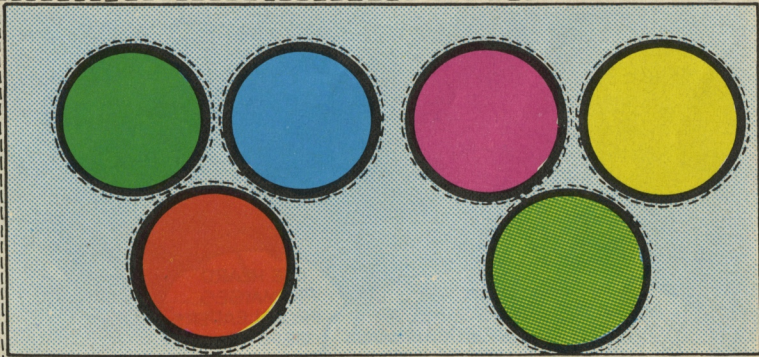
"For his acrobatic display of breakdancing the winner is. . . **BRAKER TURTLE!**" announced another judge.

"HURRR-RRAAAAAAY!" the Gang cheered loudly, deafening everyone in the audience. "Three cheers for Braker – our champion *brakedancer!*"



HIP-HOP HOPSCOTCH!

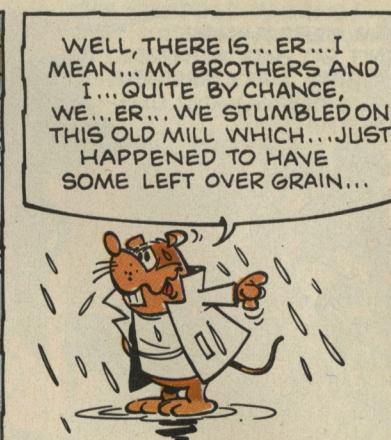
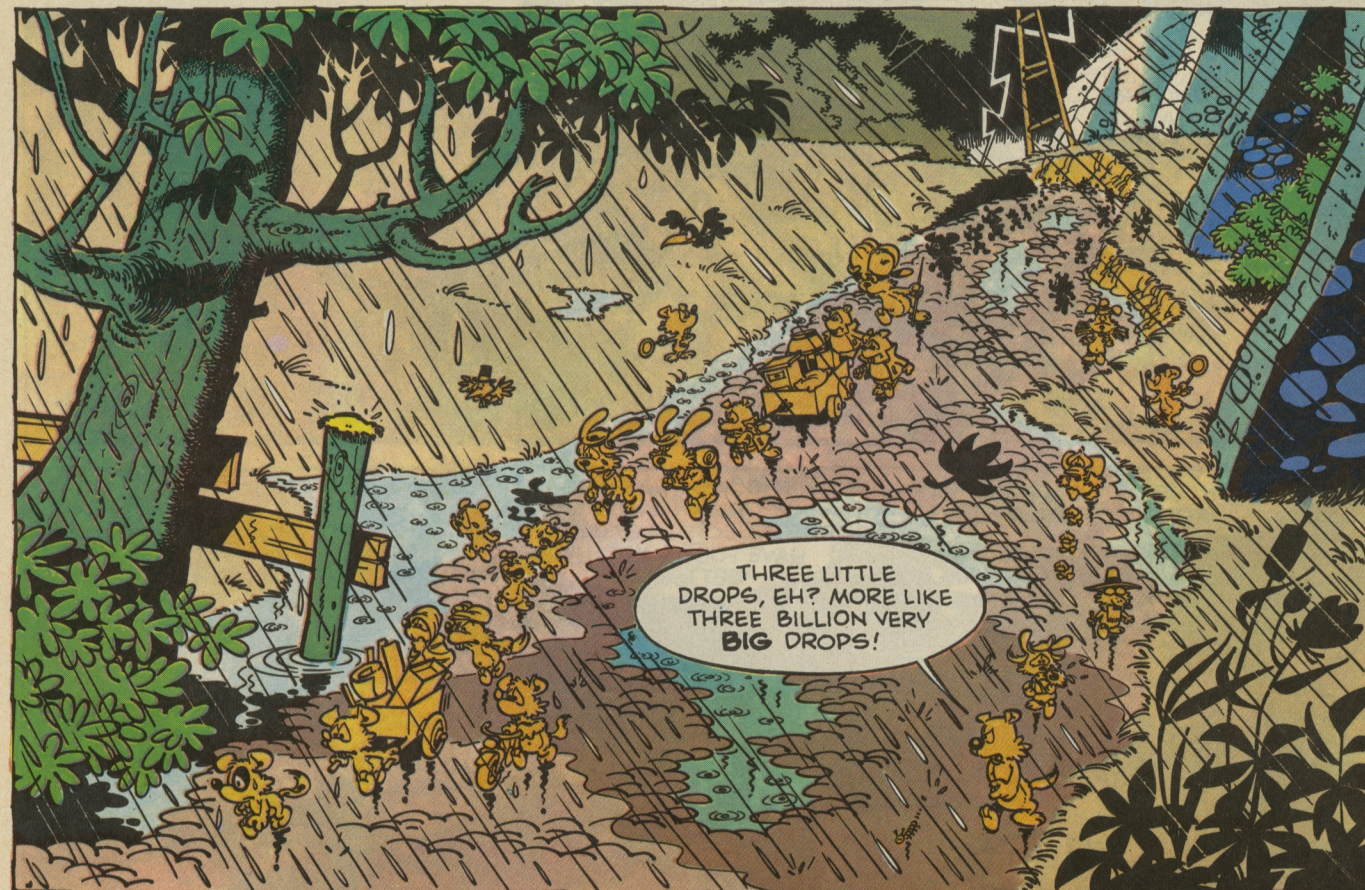
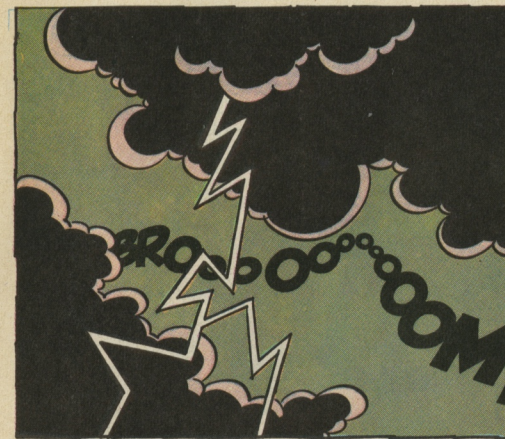
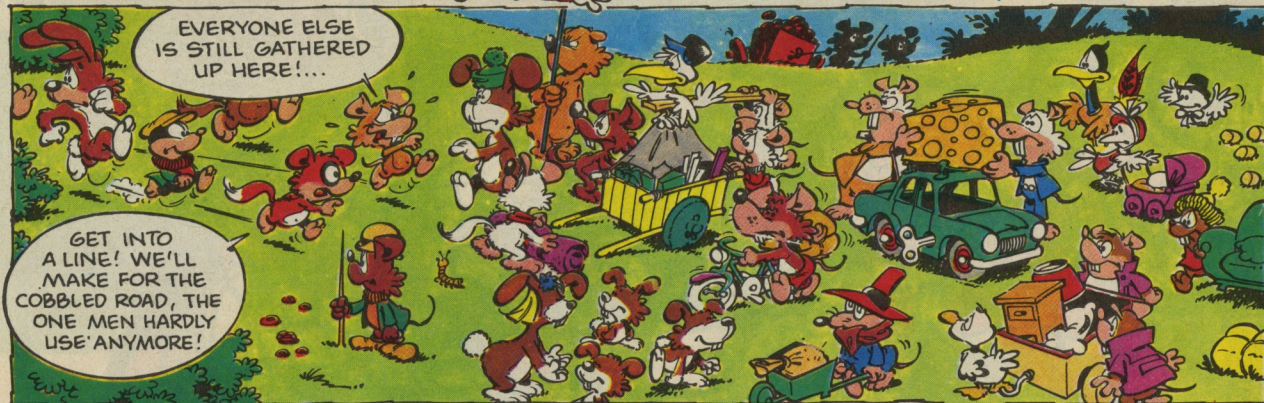
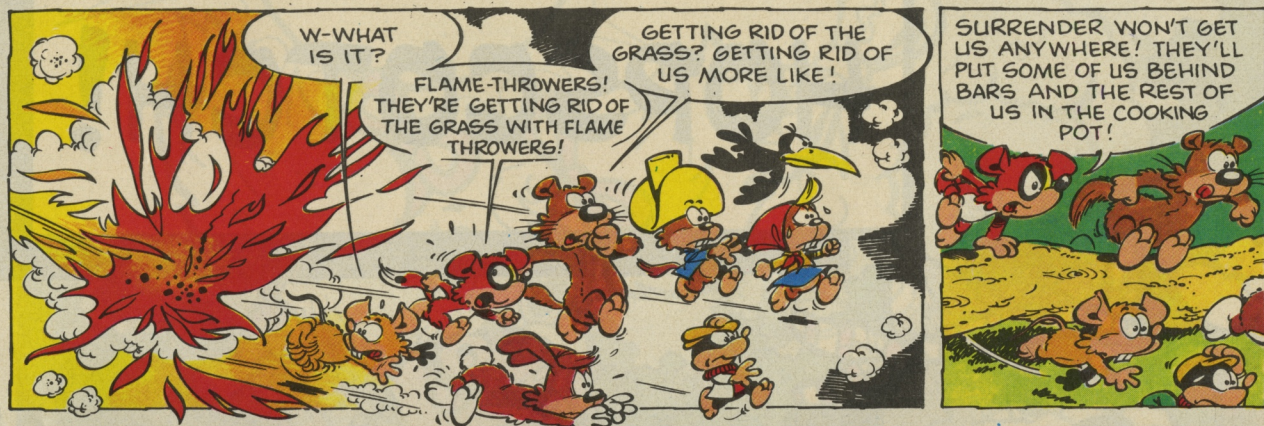
Braker's not the only member of the gang to be hopping about this week! Some of the others decided to join in a game of hopscotch – and you can join in too! First cut out the counters (you might like to stick them onto card before cutting them out). You will need a dice. To start you must throw a 1. Put your counter on the square with a 1 on it. Then you must throw a 2, and so on until you reach 6, when you turn around and go back to 1. The first player to return to 1 is the winner!

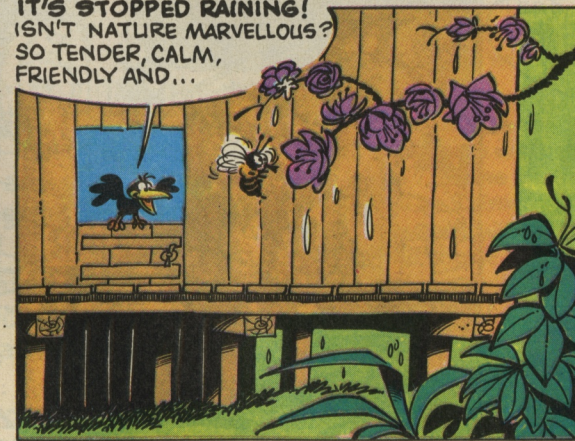
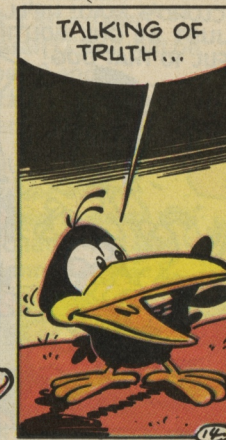
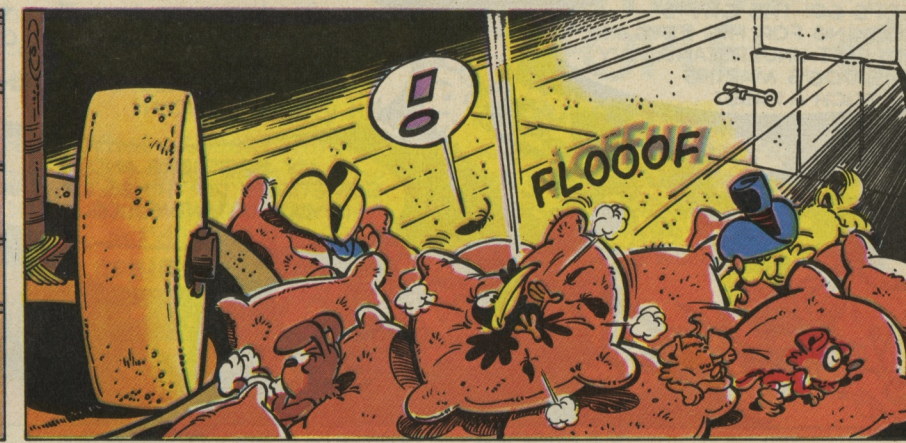
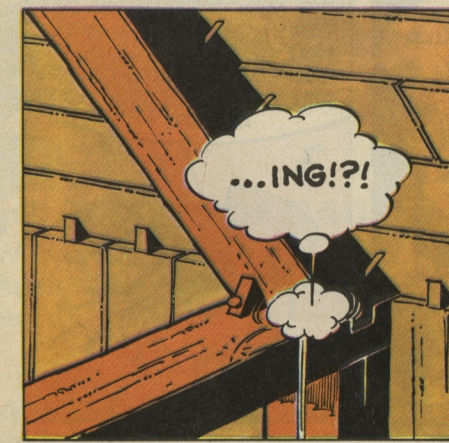
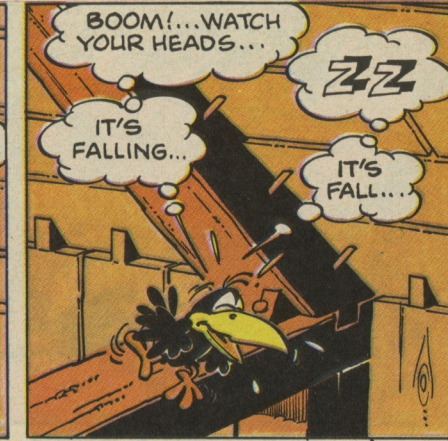
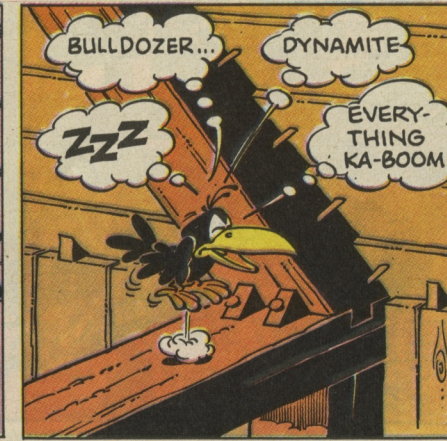
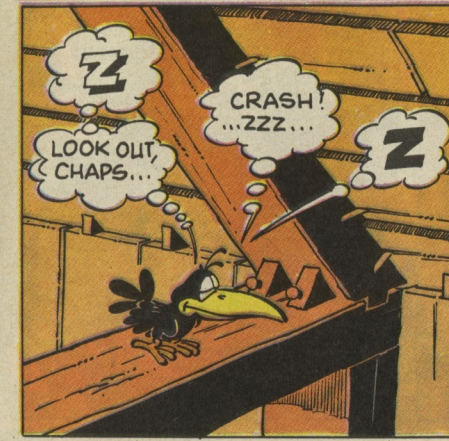
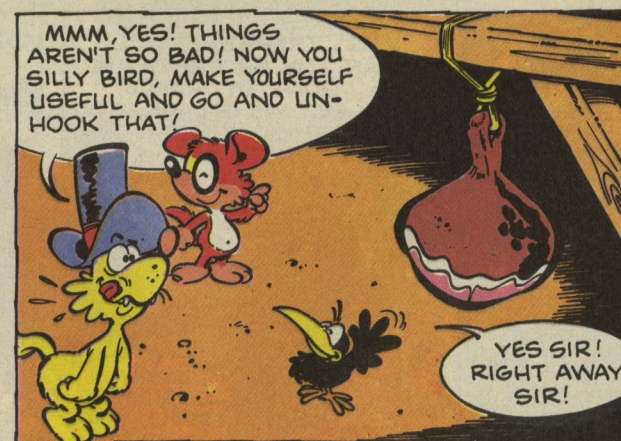
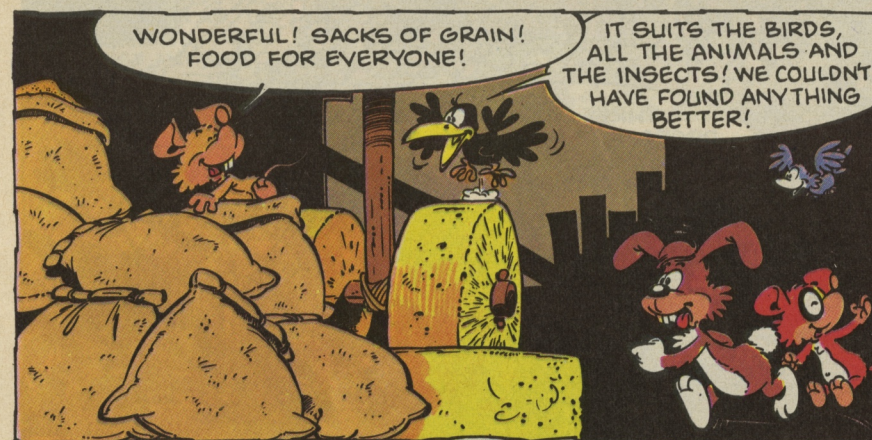
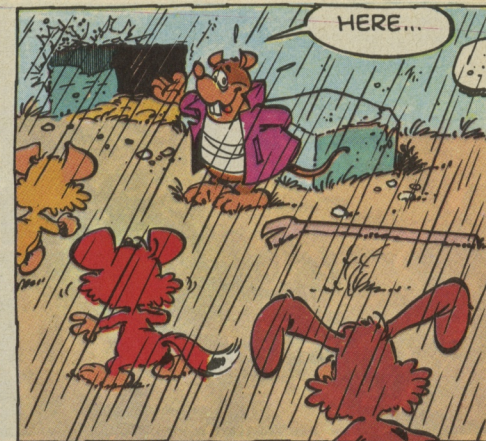
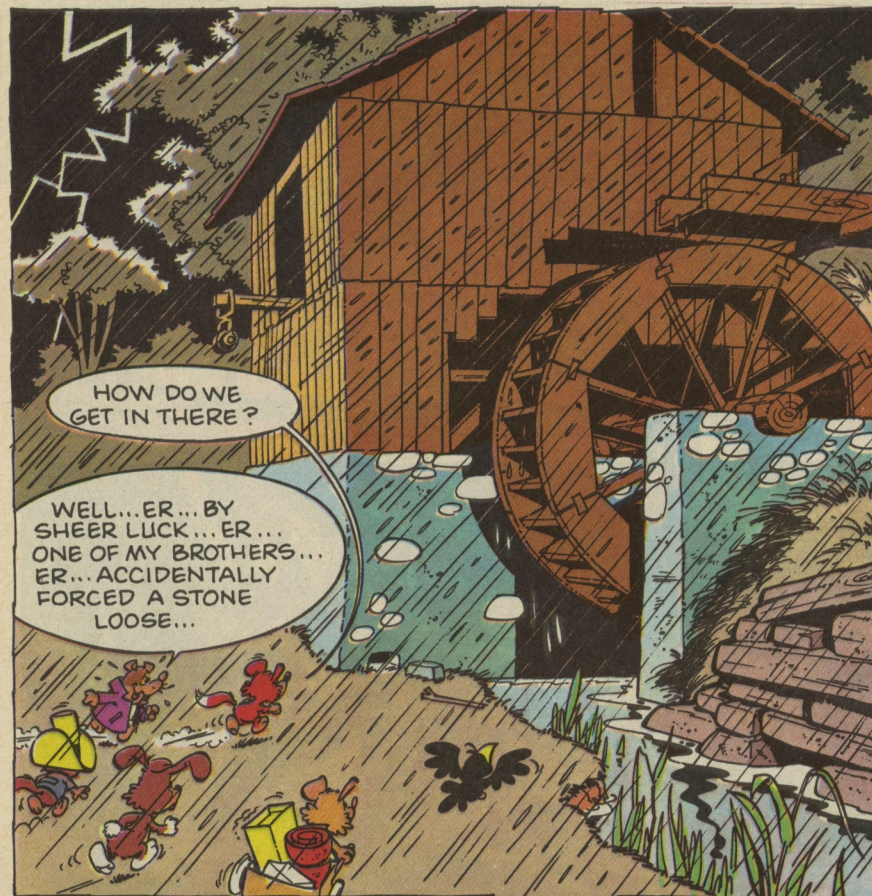


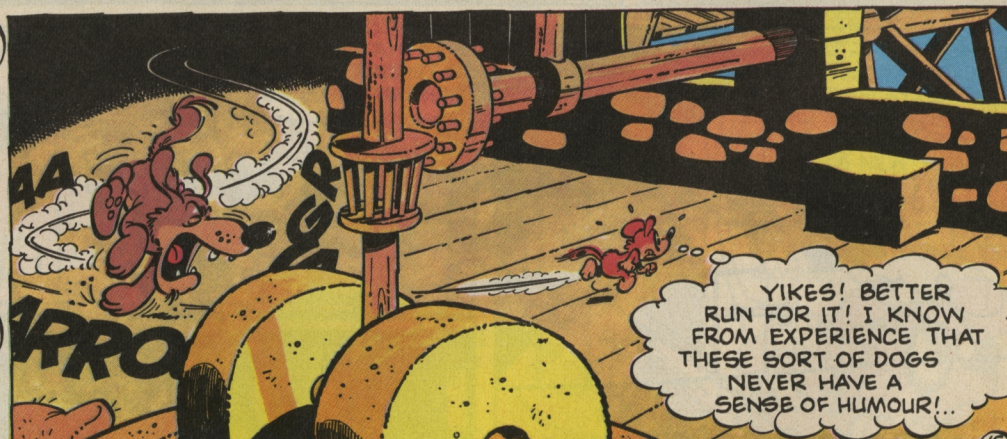
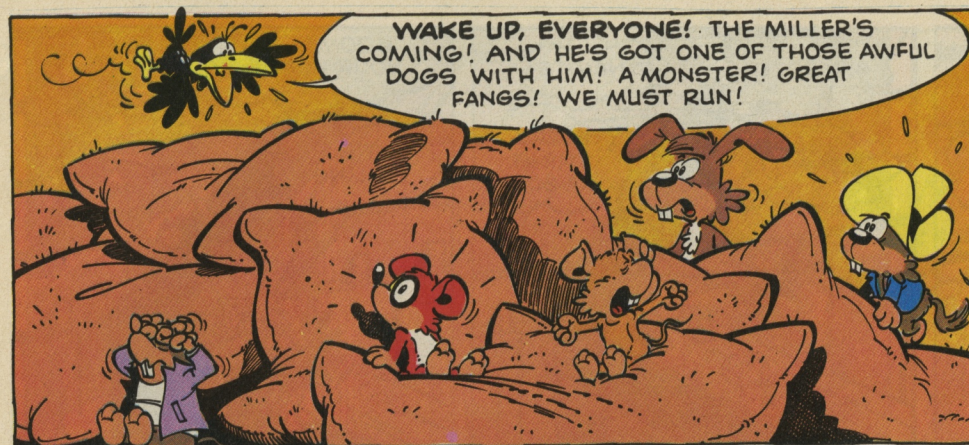
The hilarious adventures of two little field mice and their country friends!

CLORO AND DIGBY

Cloro and Digby and their friends are fighting to defend Little Wood against builders...

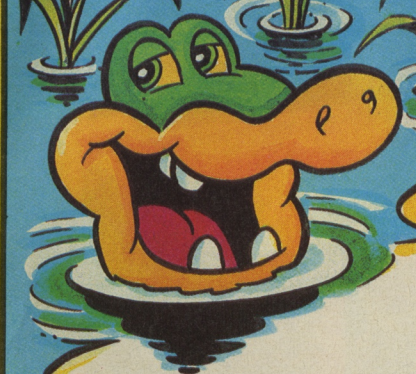






Next week: A narrow escape for Cloro!

LETTERS TO



THAT'S THE TOOTH!

Dear Catchum,
Isn't it about time that you went to the dentist? You've hardly got any teeth! If you do catch 'em I bet you can't bite 'em!

Gregory Jobe.

Huh! What a cheek! I might not have many teeth but the ones I do have are very, very sharp – as I'd be only too happy to prove to you!

GUMMY FOOT GAGS!

What goes 1234567 splash?
An octopus with a wooden leg!

Neil Lockwood.

What does Montgomery eat for breakfast?
Mooseli!

Susan Windsor.

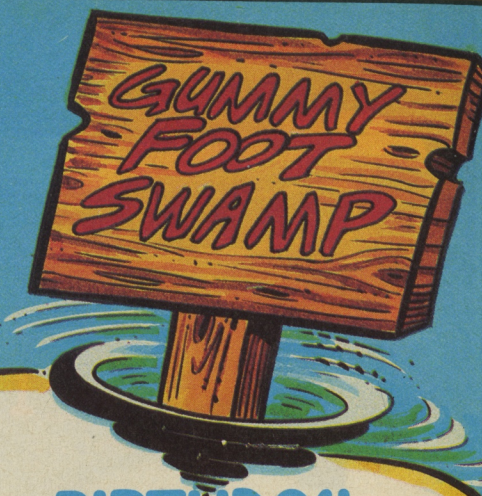
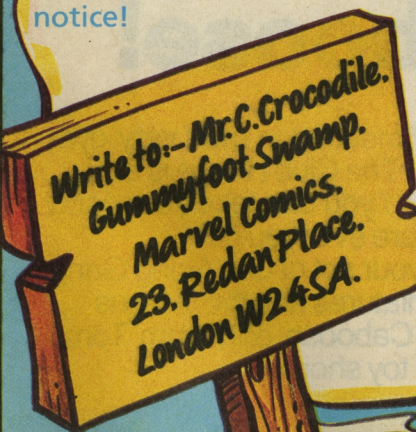
What's tall and smells nice?
A giraff-odil!

Sonja Norris.

BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO...

Sarah Sweeney (6), Samantha Brazier (8), Laurence Clinnick (7), Adele Erwin (8), Ian Challis (7).

Please try and send us your birthday requests well in advance. That Leland's so slow that he needs at least 7 weeks notice!



BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

SATURDAY

Anglea Hoyland will be 5, Natalie Edwards will be 6, Jane Ponsonby will be 7, Rachel Ellen Harrison will be 9, Karen Mullay will be 9 and Patricia Hughes will be 10.

SUNDAY

Susan Sherwood will be 1, David Body will be 4, Vicky Robertson will be 6, Joseph Easdel will be 7 and Alison Booth will be 8.

MONDAY

Neil Jones will be 3, Cassis Jane Wildey will be 5, Sarah O'Neil will be 8, Sarah Cole will be 10 and Katie-Emma Hiscock and Jodie will each be a year older.

TUESDAY

Michael Hesketh will be 4, Clive Chalmers will be 6, Sam Redman will be 7, Juliet Francis Chatler will be 8 and Leanne Ruth Henney will be 8.

WEDNESDAY

Tanyel Osman will be 8.

THURSDAY

Matthew Robert Ireland will be 5, Claire Murdoch will be 5, Rhian Wyn Roberts will be 5, Adele Garlick will be 8, Scott Green will be 9 and Cheryl Saunders will be 11.

Jessica Green will be 5, Genevieve Hoggarth will be 6, Joanne Yeo will be 7, Elaine Shelley will be 9, Emer McArdle will be 12 and Louise Dawson will be a year older.



RELATIVELY SPEAKING!

Dear Catchum,
Have you got any brothers or sisters?

Rebecca Cole.

No, I haven't Rebecca. Mind you I've got a couple of very strange second cousins who live at the bottom of the swamp – they're long and purple and squidgy and not half as good looking as me, of course!

Dear Catchum,
Did you know that you are a late relative of the dinosaur?

Paul Frial.

There you are, who needs brothers and sisters when your great great grandad is a dinosaur!



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